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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 1, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Lord, be gracious unto us. Be gracious to us and bless us. Bless us with the warmth of Your countenance. Make Your face to shine upon us.

Then may we reflect Your saving power, that it would be known throughout the world. May we mirror the love You have for each and every person, imitate the grace You offer to all peoples.

May ours be a nation that lives into Your grace plan. May we not reject Your design but allow it to influence our every decision. Flavor every word from our mouths, guide our deeds, and inspire our hearts.

Holy God, You have richly blessed us to carry forth Your divine and loving purpose.

Thus blessed to be a blessing, may we live into the grace and mercy You have bestowed on us.

We open ourselves this day to delight in Your presence, and we sing with gladness in Your company.

In the strength of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

BUILDING BACK BETTER NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the jobs created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

By passing this historic piece of legislation, we have set in motion adding two million jobs a year for the American people. High-paying, stable jobs filled by skilled, union, American workers.

These are the jobs that hold families together. They put everyday people in control of their future for themselves and for their children.

We are building the roads, bridges, high-speed internet, ports, and airports

we need. We are strengthening our frail electric grid.

We are building back better now and for the next generation to come, for all our children.

SKYROCKETING ENERGY PRICES

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the crisis that is causing energy prices to skyrocket and hurting Pennsylvanians.

This year it is estimated that Americans will pay 32 percent more to heat their homes than they did last year. This sudden spike in prices is the result of President Biden's war on affordable energy sources, sources like oil, natural gas, coal, and the Marcellus shale that is so readily available in Pennsylvania.

Instead of promoting these affordable baseload power sources, the Biden administration has doubled down on their failed policies. So far, President Biden has canceled projects, including the Keystone XL pipeline. He has refused to sign new drilling leases that would ultimately lower the cost of energy for my constituents.

President Biden and his far-left administration are fighting against American businesses and against American families.

The dead of winter is not the time to implement the Green New Deal. The coldest months of the year are no time to raise heating costs. These reckless policies must end.

CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS

(Ms. UNDERWOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, climate change presents an existential

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